

WILLITON WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND & WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Charity No: 211212

Minutes of the Events sub-committee held on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7.00pm in The Quantock Room, Williton Pavilion

Attendees:

Councillors: Payne (Chairman) and Aldridge

Clerk: Mrs M Francis

Other: Ms L Barlow, Mrs L Greenway, Mr G Morgan, Ms L Parker and Mrs L Payne,

Apologies:

Councillors: None

Public: None

24/121C Election of Chairman

It was agreed to alternate chairing of the meetings between members of the events committee and for members to take on the lead for separate events

24/122C Apologies - As noted above

24/123C Approval of minutes of the last meeting held on 8th January 2025 – approved after two slight amendments to 24/114.2C and 24/118C

24/124C Correspondence

None had been received

24/125C Christmas Events – (WPC)

24/125.1C It was noted that several shops did not have a Christmas Tree, some due to being vacant, which made the display look patchy. The shops currently pay £25 per tree and supply electric. The cost of the trees to the Parish Council last year was £11 per tree. Based upon there being 32 flagpoles, it was unanimously resolved to request a budget of £500.00 from the Parish Council for the shops to be supplied with a small tree, to ensure a better display for parishioners. The Business Group and Fire Brigade would be formally asked to help erect the trees, noting it would under the Parish Councils volunteer insurance. Proposed Guy Morgan, seconded Liz Greenway.

Bellamy's Corner would also need decorating – the cost for a large tree would be in the region of £200.00, therefore consideration would be given to various options, including lighting the trees already on the corner or building a wooden tree out of pallet wood and asking the schools to make decorations.

Christmas Events would be discussed at the next meeting

24/126C Mothering Sunday Lunch – 30th March 2025 and Father's Day 15th June 2024 (WWMRG)

It was agreed not to proceed with these events

24/127C VE Day – 8th May 2025 (WPC)

Awaiting further update from the Pageant Master

Guy advised Sampford Brett choir had agreed to sing at this event and perform a few songs for extra entertainment, culminating with I Vow to Thee My Country, as per National Guidelines. Guy would continue to liaise with the choir.

The Parish Council would be asked to fund the hire of the Pavilion as back up for inclement weather and provide refreshments, with a plate for donations. Liz Payne and Lyn were happy to assist with refreshments

Williton Window was noted as greatly missed as a way of advertising events – the office window would have a display, posters around village and the schools would be asked to add to newsletters/book bags. The uniformed units would be informed.

24/128C Fete 2025 – Saturday 5th July 2025

- Flower show – noted was more difficult for July, but the schedule had been started – any ideas for vegetable classes, please let Peter or Liz Payne know.
- The main organising would be taken in house from the Parish Office; tables would be charged at £15 for businesses and £10 for charity/local groups
- Dog Show would be relocated to the side of the pavilion, to be more prominent
- Main Arena – possibly Dog Agility, Alternative Morris Men, Children's races, Sausage race – 5 slots, half an hour per slot
- Look at an Animal Petting Corner / fairground rides
- Any ideas, please pass to the office
- Vintage cars / scooters / car clubs to be invited for static display
- Invite Emergency services
- Ask St John to cover 1st aid
- Advertise date on social media as soon as possible
- Involve schools and uniformed groups
- Look into more card machines for gates, refreshments and bar – noted extra help needed on Robert Street entrance

24/129C Film Club

The film 'Living' was requested. Agreed to hold on Saturday 22nd March 2024 – Liz Parker would organise but would need volunteers to assist with refreshments and setting up the room. It was noted the projector had been reported as being slightly out of focus, so a trail run would be held on Monday 17th at 4pm – Ian and Peter would attend.

24/130C Other Ideas for Events

Treasure Hunt of foot – agreed to not proceed

Ferrett Racing – Guy would speak to his contact regarding possibility of attending the Fete

Easter Egg Hunt / Crafty Stash – Sunday 20th April, run to coincide with each other. Liz P and Lyn were happy to organise and produce posters

- *Easter Egg Hunt – Parish Council event – to be held along previous format with laminated eggs being hidden around the Memorial Ground*
- Crafty Stash – WWMRG event – Lyn would organise tables at £10 per table. Trustees would be asked to run the refreshments

Quiz – Guy would speak to his contact about organising for April

What's on in Williton – would not be held

24/131C Date of Next Meeting –

Wednesday 12th March 2025, at the Pavilion

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed Cllr Payne

Dated ... 12th March 2025